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For: METHOD OF TRANSFERRING FILES AND ANALYSIS OF TRAIN  
OPERATIONAL DATA

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for  
Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 11, line 30, after "station" insert --40--.

Page 16, line 8, replace "D/DP" with --D/PS--.

IN THE CLAIMS

50. (AMENDED) A method of transferring files from remote stations along a railroad track to a base station comprising:

establishing communication between a computer on a train and remote stations as the train moves along the track;

transferring files from the remote stations to the on-board computer;

establishing communication between the [on-board computer] remote station and the base station; and

subsequently transferring on-board computer files from the remote station [from the on-board computer] to the base station.